

Amendment to 09/837433 dated 6 January 2004

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REMARKS

Claims 1-31, 33-52 and 54-64 are pending. Claims 1-31 and 65 are allowed.

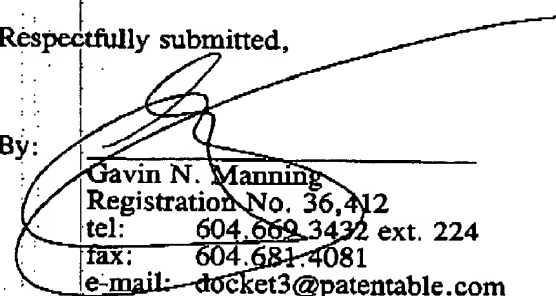
The Examiner has indicated that claims 33-52 and 54-64 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This has been done by amending each of the claims 33, 45, 47, 48, 51 and 52 to recite explicitly the features of claim 32 and by amending claims 54, 62, 63 and 64 to recite explicitly the features of claim 53. Claims 32 and 53 are cancelled by this amendment.

Therefore the Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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